GENERAL NEWS OF THE CITY

THIN OF THE DISTRICT CONSPIRACY CASES.

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THE POLICE COURT BUILDING A NOISANCE go Eis Honor, Judge Enell, Decides,

Washington Monument Society-Re ceipt of a Monumental Block from Shio-Michiganders in Session-Expression of their Views-Miscellane ous Paragraphs of Local Interest.

Weather probabilities, estimated at 1 a.m. Fer New England and Middle States clear and cold weather, north to west winds and rising ba-remeter, followed by winds shifting to southwest er southerly, slight rise of temperature, and sta sienary and falling barometer curing the night Thermometric readings taken January 6, 1876, at the Signal Office: 7 a. m., 48°; 7:35 a. m., 46°: 12 m., 46°; 2 p. m., 45°; 4:35 p. m., 42°; 9 p. m., 57°; 11 p. m., 35°. Maximum, 48°; minimum 36°.

Boarding and for rent cards sold by Brad Adams. Advertisements of wants, for sale and rent and Met and found on the second page.

Bellew offers, for thirty days, Centennial diaries at e.s. to make room for valentines Miller & Jones' billiard room, the resont for

gentlemen, National Theatre building. Highest price paid for left-off clothing, boots es, &c., at Herzog's, 917 D street northwest, R. B. Ferguson, pharmacist, corner Second Colgate's Violet and Lavender Water at W. S.

A 'manacs-Hagerstown, Catholic, Irish-Ameriean, London Illustrated and o hers at Bellew's. Mr. Robert H. Graham, who has been confined se long by severe illnese, is rapidly improving. Miller & Jones' wine store, the place to buy pure liquors for medicinal use, National Theatre ballding.

Six per cent, paid on deposits, payable on demand. Special rates on time deposits. J. H. Squier & Co., bankers. H. D. Cooke, jr., & Co., F street, near the Freasury, do a general banking business and buy

and soil District securities &c.

Playing cards, the largest assortment in the oity, sold by Brad. Adams. Tre barn of George Truex, of Andover, Delaware, with its contents and a valuable horse, was burned on Sunday evening last from the explo-sion of a coal-oil lamp.

Citizens and business men who favor the propceitien for the holding of the national nominating cententien in the city should not fall to attend the meeting to be held at the Arlington to-night. We are indebted to James Bellew, bookseller, 36 Seventh street, for the copy of the "Catholi World" for January, from which we quote 1 largely and commented upon in yesterday's issue About so'clock last night, a sneak thief entered George Cystermyer's grocery store, on the corner of Twentieth and M streets northwest, and carried off a small sum of money and a box of

Mrs. Mary Hurdle, on Massachusetts avenue presented to the Hook and Ladder Company as a Christmas gift a handsome oil patating and a pair of vases, which were highly appreciated by the fire beys. Officers of State associations, concerts and dra-

matte clubs should examine Tailmadge hall be-fere making other cursquements. It is the best hall in the city for all purposes, centrally located and on first floor. Note paper, \$1 per ream, and envelopes, \$1 per thousand, at Brad. Adams'.

The National Woman Suffrage Association will hold its seventh annual session in this city on the 27th and 28th inst. Matilda Joslyn Gage is the president; Ellen C. Sargent, treasurer, an f. Susan B. Anthony, chairman executive committee.

A boy named Richard Harris, residing in Mont gemery county, Md., near the Chain bridge, was hadly bitten by a mad dog about a week ago, and his father yesterday took him to see Mr. E. S. Smith, \$12 M street northwest, who applied a "mad stone."

New York papers delivered to residents at ;

Detective McDevitt yesterday arrested Wm. Tyler on a warrant procured by Harvey Spalding. esq., charging him with the forgery of a note purporting to have been drawn by J. R. Ritchie for \$500, in favor of said Tyler, there being no such person as Ritchie, and said note being a forgery. He was taken before Judge Scell, who took \$4,000 bonds for his a pearance to-day for a meaning.

Some men can be comfortable under any cir Some men can be comfortable under any cir-cumstances, and a jolly sailor, who was not over institutions, last night shinned up a tree on the south side of the Avenue, near Night street, and curling up on two adjacent limbs refired for the sight. He was subjected, however, to the annoy-ance of having a large crowd of inquisitive people gather about the base of his tree, and not liking the publicity he readily acceded to a proposition of a policeman to come down.

Caal-Oil Fire. An alarm of hee was struck from box 26, about 5.70 o'clock last night, caused by an explosion of a coal oil lamp in the house, No. 1832 Fifth street merihers, occupied by Patrick Campbell. The fire was soon extinguished by the police without calling the fire department into service. The building was damaged to the amount of \$100, upon which there is no insurance.

Benefits of Advertising.

Last Sunday morning a gentleman of this city lest his watch while going to church. His loss was advertised in the NATIONAL HEPUBLICAY. The lady who found it saw the advertisement, and returned the watch to its owner yesterday. Moral: Let all your wants, losses, rents, &c., be advertised in the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, the newspaner which everybody reads.

Marriage Licenses. Marriage licenses were yesterday issued by Mr. Meigs to William H. Bobbits and Sadie H. Half,

Robert Jordan and Lucy Taylor, Ernest Burgderf and Lizzie Mueller, John R. Mulloy and Elizabeth Ougenstine, Ralph A. Bacon and Louis a L. Allen, George Jackson and Martha Curlis, George Richardson and Sarah Jackson, Richard Jackson and Jane Hyson, Robert W. Shaw and Susie Bannister, Edward Wheeler and Christiana Gost.

Installation of Officers.

Grand Chanceller A. J. Gunning installed the Fallowing officers in Reliance Lodge, No. 16, K. P., lust night: P. C., J. C. Wilson; C. C., E. A. Shekell; V. C., L. P. Pumphrey; K. of R. S., G. J. G., representatives to the Grand Age, W. A. H. Bradley, C. L. Eberly, G. P. Doper, H. M. Locke and J. C. Wilson.

The Jonadabs-At a regular meeting of Pioneer Council, No. Sens of Jonadab, on Saturday evening, the fol lowing named officers were installed in their re Jowing named officers were installed in their respective offices by G. J. L. Foxwell, grand chief of the order Chief, Halver Nelson; dejouty chief, M. S. Beach; secretary, R. O. Polkinhorn; inancial secretary, G. H. Simpson; treasurer, W. M. H. Young; guide, Henry Smith: assistant guide, G. H. Langley; inside guard, James Huhle; outside guard, John W. Hayr; organist, M. S. Beach; librarian, C. H. Simpson; past chief, James Moran; patriarch, Edward Bawsell.

Accident. While Renjamin Hancock, proprietor of a two-story frame carpenter shep at the corner of Hamilton street and Park avenue, was descending the shop stairs at 6:30 o'clock this morning, carrying a lighted candle, he missed his footing and fell, dropping the light upon a heap of sharings, which instantly caught five. The finnes spread rapidly, badly damaging the building and stock, and inflicting a damage of \$1,000, which is covered by insurance for \$1,300 in the Phomix Insurance Company, of Brooklyn.—Brooklyn Union, January 5.

Projuce Exchange.

At a meeting of the Produce Exchange last evening the following officers were elected to: the ensuing year: President, John A. Baker; first vice president, James W. Janney; second vice president, H. Clay Jones; third vice presivice president, H. Clay Jones: third vice president, D. Howard; secretary, J. W. Sanda. The following quotation committee was elected for the next quarter: John S. Miller, W. S. Hoge and A. W. Keiley. The president then appeinted following committees: Finance—D. E. Dutrow, J. S. Ruller and A. E. Phillips. Arbitration—J. F. Saum, O. O. Spicer and Frank Hume. Transportation—A. E. Phillips, J. C. Ergood and Thomas L. Howard. Membership—Mesars. Spindle, Mankin and Sheer.

Girls' Reform School

Siz: Since you are well aware of the urgent need of a reform school for girls in the District of Colum bia, you will surely take pleasure in correcting an error or two in your local report of yesterday. The bill introduced in the Senate by Hon. Henry L. Dawes, of Massachusetts, was not to "inco porate" this institution. That was done, and an porate" this institution. That was done, and at appropriation for the purchase of land was made by the District Legislature, in answer to the ap-peal of a large number of our best citizens. No is the pending bill in Congress merely "an effort save females," as the heading of the above-name: peas at a large number of the spending bill in Congress merely "an effort to save females," as the heading of the above named, local declares. Our memorial distinctly states that the purpose is to prevent the frequent murder of infants on the streets of the national capital by young, deserted, despairing mothers who have nowhere to go, to prevent the alarming locroase of criminals and paupers and to give the outcast an opportunity for reformation. But, better still, as our friends of the New York Sorois said in their elequent appeal to the Forty-third Congress in behalf of this bill, "it is not only to save our fallen sisters, but to protect our brothers from the templation of easy opportunity to prey upon the weak, the ignorant and the helpless."

Since nothing is so expensive and rubous to the individual and the State as viox, no triend of refrenchment and reform will say a word or cast a vote against the girls reform-scheel-bill.

SARA J. SPENSER.

President Board of Trustees.

Auction Sale To-day. At 10 o'clock, eigars, wines, rotions and shelf

THE CONSPIRACY CASE. Closing of the Testimony-Review of the Evi-

dence by H. H. Weils, Jr.-Argument of Mr. Riddle. Yesterday morning in the Criminal Court. Judge Olin, the trial of Gay H. Thompson, Samuel T. Luckett and Thomas J. Larenby, charged with conspiracy in obtaining money on false pay-rolls, was resumed. District Attorney Wells and H. H. Wells, jr., for the Government, and Messrs. W.A. Cook and A. G. Riddle for the

Gen. Birney first took the stand, and was cross. examined by Mr. Riddle as to what occurred at the time Thompson and Lazenby called u.x.n. bim and spoke of their connection with the pim and spoke of their connection with the papers. Larenby stated to him that he took the acknowledgments of the parties whom he found waiting him when he returned from the Treasury. George B. Coourn sworn and examined: On one of the claims (Smith's) he received a power of attorney frem Thompson. At the time Thompson stated that he desired witness to appear as attorney, as his (Thompson's) name being on so many claims might excite suspicion that he was gouging the laborers.

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R. W. Waters recalled, and cross-examined as to having admitted that he had no recollection of signing the pay-roll. Witness stated that he did not recollect making any such admission in any conversation, or that he told Stewart that he wanted to get men to put on his roll; never received money from Guy Thompson, or never paid a bill at Lansburg's out of said money to Wilmuth; paid Wilmuth \$15 out of his own pocket; did not lend Thompson's that day; Lansburg, wishing to clear up his accounts for the year, refused to credit him until after January 1, but after that he made a bill with Lansburg.

J. J. Wilmuth was then called by the defense, who testified that he had known Waters since September, 154; has no recollection of leaving a card of Thompson's at Waters' house, or of having left word with his wife for Waters to meet him; met Waters a few days prior to December 17., but has no recollection of Waters to meet him; met Waters a few days prior to December 17., but has no recollection of Waters to meet was mentioned at all; witness met Waters again the next day, and presented Lansburg's bill. Waters saying that he would see to it soon, and when they again met witness met Waters again the next day, and presented Lansburg's bill. Waters saying that he would see to it soon, and when they again met witness asked Waters for an order on Thompson.

Mr. Hiddle then asked that, since Mr. Lickett was in no way connected with the case, except as a witness, he be discharged.

Alr. Wells objected to this, stating that he should ask a verdict against all the parties.

The Court decided that this was a question for the jury to determine.

F.M. Draney, sworn and examined: Was a partner of Waters on the Filth-street work; they were together in the saloon under Masonic Temple in December, and in observation water signature

ton.

A recess for half an hour was then taken.

I non the reopening of the court after recess
Justice J. T. K. Plant testified as to the practice
of witnessing oaths. It was the custom to call
persons who might happen to be present to witness signatures, but the witnesses must be known

ness signatures, but the witnesses must be known or identified.

The Court said that a magistrate would be departing sadly from his duty were be to accept a party as a witness to a signature without such party first being properly identified.

Michael Puffy, Gen. George W. Balloch, Dr. A. P. Fardon and J. J. Wilmuth testified to their acquainance with Guy H. Thoupson, and that they had never heard anything against his reputation for honor and integrity, but upon cross-examination by the District Actorney said they had never heard any person speak of his reputation.

Henry C. Addison was sworn, and testified to an acquaintanceship of twenty-five years with La-renby. Has never heard anything against his reputation for honor and integrity. By the District Attorney: Never heard his rep-utation spoken of. tation spoken of. Martin Colburn, who was clerk to the paymas-

Martin Colburn, who was clerk to the paymaster of the Board of Public Works from 1872 to 1873 or 1874, sworn and examined: Is only slightly sequainted with Hobert W. Waters' signature. Did not think he could identify it.
George Myers, clerk in the District auditor's office, was recalled by Mr. Riddle, and testified to Guy H. Thompson's good reputation, and mentioned the name of Mr. Baker, late comproller of the District, as one person who had spacen of it. tiened the name of hir. Haker, late compirelier of the District, as one person who had spoken of it. Has known Lazenby since 1866, though not very well. Had never heard his character for integrity questioned. Does not remember any person who ever spoke about his reputation. The defonse here rested their case. H. H. Wells, jr., the Assistant District Attor-

ney, then addressed the jury, going over the entire ground covered by the testimony. He said entire ground covered by the testimony. He said that as conspiracies were supposed to be concorted secretly, it was competent to prove the conspiracy by circumstantial evidence. He also spoke of the testimony of Lazenby in explanation of why he came to take the acknowledgements of the parties to the power of attorney without knowing them; that he had come down from the Treasury Department to his office and did the matter hurriedly, and compared that statement with dates of these papers, which showed that they had been executed on six different dates, covering a lapse of one month and twelve days. He concluded by claiming that the Government had proved the conspiracy. cialming that the Government had proved the conspiracy.

Mr. Riddle, on the part of the defense, commenced his argument to the jury at 225 o'cleck, and spoke until the court adjourned at 3 o'cleck. He will conclude his remarks this merning. He spoke of the character of the parties indicted. They were young men who had never before been charged with any crime. They were now charged with an infamous crime, but their mouths were closed.

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Mr. Riddle exhibited considerable emotion during his preliminary remarks, but said it was not done to create sympathy among the jurors; but he felt somewhat oppressed, and had not been sufficiently on his guard. He referred to the fact that the indictment charged the parties with a conspiracy to defraud the United States while, as he claimed, the money belonged to the District of Columbia, even though it had been voted gratuitously.

THE POLICE COURT BUILDING.

Decision of Judge Snell-The Building a Kaisance.
In the Police Court resterday, before the beginning of the routine business, Judge Snell made a decision in the case of the Board of Health made a decision in the case of the Hoard of Health against Mrs. Kimmell, proprietor of the Police Court building, who was charged with maintaining a nuisance, injurious to health, by suffering this building to remain in a dilapidated condition. The decision sets forth the tact of the case as follows: "The United States vs. Kimmell—This was an information charging a nuisance injurious to health, and at common law. It consists, as charced, but a brick house and premises occupied as a Police Court, the house having leaky roof, demp walls, without proper ventilation, with stagmant water in the basement and wells, with insufficient water supply and drain pipe for the water closets, and the urinals with defective drainage, thereby rendering the building unfit for human habitation, to the great damage and common nuisance of all the good citizens of the United States. Ac. Sufficient evidence was offered to show that the premises in question are entirely unsuitable for the purposes to which they are devoted; and from their had ventilation, delective drainage, stagnant water, dump walls, leaky roof and other causes, arising out of the unsuitable character of the building to the uses to which it is applied, they have become and are a nuisance—both injurious to health and a common nuisance—both injurious to nealth and a common nuisance—both injurious to health and a common nuis against Mrs. Kimmell, proprietor of the Police twelve hundred dollars: that the tenants were to make all ordinary repairs, destruction by fire excepted; that there had been no contract between the parties since the expiration of the term, June 21, 1875; that since that time the tenancy had been subject to the provisions of the statute of 1854, relating to tenants at will and suffrance, and might have been terminated by thirty days' notice to the tenants to quit. It also appeared that the premises had been inspected by the Board of Health, and upon the report of an inspector declared to be in such a sanitary condition as to constitute a nulsance injurious to health; that prior to the commencement of this proceeding the defendant had been duly notified of the action of

prior to the commencement of this proceeding the defendant has been duly notified of the action of the Board of Health, and of the condition of the premises, and had been ordered to abate the nuisances complained of. It did not appear that there had been any compliance with such notice, or any abatement of the nuisances other than some repairs upon the root. It appeared that since the said notice to abate the nuisance the defendant had collected rent for the months of October 1988. some the said notice to abate the nulsance the defendant had collected rent for the months of October and November, and had regularly received the rent monthly since June 21, 1875."

After quoting numerous anthorities as to the nature of a nuisance, Judge Shell concluded his decision as follows: The result of the cases seems to be that if the defendant has partishpated neglissently or actively in the misseasance or nonfeasance which has created or continued this nuisance she is liable as a principal in the misdemanor charged. But though the court has come to this conclusion it is not decined necessary to proceed to final judgment at this time; and reasonable opportunity will be given for the removal of the evil complained st, but if not attended to, upon motion of the presecutor, the court will feel called upon to render judgment. The case may now be continued until the next term."

term."
At the conclusion the counsel for defendant stated that, without any disrespect to the court, he would advise his client to affix a notice to the door of the court to vacate. The court admitted the privilege of defendant so to do.

"HOLD THE FORT!"

Bring up the Ca(is)son! All Union soldiers who desire to join in a sere-nade to Hons. G. L. Fort, of Illinois, and T. J. Clason, of Indiana, will meet at Clark's hall Pennsylvania avenue, between Four-and-a-hal and Sixth streets, north side, on Saturday, 8th

instant, at 7 p. m., sharp. By order of committee of arrangements. PROPOSED CHANGE.

Abelishing the Sinking Fund Commission and Board of Audit.

The District Commissioners have prepared a bill for presentation in Congress to abolish the sinking fund commission and transfer its powers and duties to the Treasury Department. The bill also provides for the abolition of the board of audit and transfers all its powers and duties to audit and transfers all its powers and duties to the First and Second Comptrollers of the Treas-ury. These officers are already on the board of audit, but not as such officers. There is a provise in the bill that these transfers shall not be con-strued to make the Government liable for their actions. The duties of the clerks of the board of audit are, under the bill, to be performed by the cerks in the First and Second Comptroller's office

MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION. An Interesting Meeting and Pointed Reso

lutions. The regular monthly meeting of this assoc on was held at Clarke's hall last evening, Maj. John J. Knox, the president, in the chair. The following gentlemen were announced as the executive committee for the ensuing year, viz: Captain Henry Sherwood, Levi Bacon, W. H. Barton, M. L. Higgins and Dan. T. Pierce. On motion, Hon. A. S. Gaylord, assistant attorney general for the Interior Department, was unant mously elected an honorary member of the asso

M. E. N. Howell moved that the executive committee be instructed to make arrangements for the proper celebration of the anniversary of the admission of Michigan as a State on the 26th instant, and the motion prevailed. The committee was also instructed to provide for a Michigan ball, to take place in February next.

The following resolutions were necessary.

House of Representatives, and were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the course pursued by the majority in the House of Representatives in removing from position men who had proved their fitness for the place by a long and faithful service, and filling their places with new and untried men, can only be justified on the theory that "to the victor belongs the spoils," and is subversive or every idea of reform in the civil service.

Resolved, That, when wounded solders, disabled from the pursuit of manual labor in their efforts to maintain the Government, are removed from positions that they were in every respect qualified to fill, and their places filled by men whose only recommendations for the place were devotion to the rebel cause, every Union man has cause to feel the insult and do all in his power to redress the wrong. Resolved, That the course adopted by the Dem-ceratic party in the House of Representatives is directly antagonistic to the principles enunciated in their political platforms, and is conclusive evi-

In their political platforms, and is conclusive evidence that said party platforms are shown to be a deception and a fraud.

Resolved, That the Government is in duty bound to protect those who protected it, and the application of the political guillotine in the House of Representatives to those who maintained the Government in the hour of its peril demands a like application by the heads of the Executive Departments to that disloval element now holding place in the several Departments, and thus giving positions to those removed from the House of Representatives who are 'honees, faithful and capable,' and that we most heartily indorse the sentiments of the President in relation [thereto.

A HACK RIDE. Married on Seven Cents-The Driver Wants

His Fee. He had had a good deal of trouble in getting the connubin knot tied, and the hackman ought to have been light on him, but he was not. He halled a conveyance early last evening, and loading himself and triends and intended in it, stimu a half for taking the party to a preacher and back. The driver gathered up the lines and drove off. Preacher after preacher was visited, but were all too much engaged. Finally the party found a reverend gentleman, whom they husiled into a shoemaker's shop where the im-portant ceremony was performed. Again the party turned back, and after the bridean friends had descended from the vehicle the back driver. had descended from the vehicle the hack driver, with customary prompiness, put his hand into the hack for his fee. The bridgeroom said that he had nothing less than ten dollars and would pay the driver when he got it changed, and with a bland smile and patronizing air began to insinuate himself out of the hack, but that wouldn't do for the jahu.

With a smile even more bland he wanted to see the ten dollars, and as it did not make its an-With a smile even more bland no wanted to see the ten dollers, and as it did not make it sappearance, he banged the door, shutting the bridegroom up, and drove off. The unfortunate man made several attempts to get out, but the horses were lashed to their fullest speed and he concluded to go to the end of his unwilling ride. He went to the end, which was at the Fourth precinct tables. Where he was committed to the charge of went to the end, which was at the Fourth precinct station, where he was committed to the charge of the station-keeper. Upon searching the man the amount of seven cents was found in his pockets, and he was led back to the cell to pass his wed-ding night in melancholy meditation.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT. Meeting of the Society Yesterday. The Washington National Monument Society met at 12 m., pursuant to adjournment. Present, Mesers. Stansbury, Blake, Waterston, Stuart and Nichols. In the absence of the vice president, Mr. Cochran, Dr. Blake was called to the chair. The secretary, Mr. Brent, being necessarily absent because of illness, Mr. F. L. Harvey, pr., was appointed secretary to the meeting.

Dr. Stansbury reported verbally the fact of a contingent appropriation since the last meeting of \$1,000 by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: also, a resolution by the Grand Lodge of Virginia; also, a memorial on the part of the society to Congress, prepared by him as chairman of the committee created for that purpose; which was unanimously adopted. The memorial will be presented to that body.

The thanks of the society were returned to the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Ohio and Massachusetts for their recent liberal responses to the appeal of the society, and to the same bodies in the States of Missouri, Kentucky and Virginia for their warm and hearty encouragement by their resolutions severally commending the appeal to subordinate lodges.

A monumental block has been recently received by the society as a contribution from the Young Men's Library Association, of Cincinnati, Ohio. It is of white fossilierous marble, taken from the bed of the Ohio river, and is now on exhibition in the lapidarium at Monument square. absent because of filness, Mr. F. L. Harvey, jr.

A Modern Idea Leap year has suggested one of those agreeable innovations on the conventional customs of so-clety which has won the approving smile of the gentle sex; is sure to be honored less in its breach than its observance, and will assuredly be as delightful and pleasing to those who give as to those who receive. In accordance with this suggestion a few gentlemen in this city threw their parlors open Monday evening, the 3d, and were "at home" to receive the visits and felicitations of the New Year from their lady friends and also acquaintances from New York, Baltimore and other cities who were here for the holidays. Conacquaintances from New York, Baitimore and other cities who were here for the holidays. Conspicuous among these reunions was that given by Mr. J. W. Cole and a select party of friends, among whom were Mr. J. A. Emerson, of Arkansas; Mr. Kennedy, of New Orleans, and Messre, George Washington, W. Archer and W. F. Hill. These gentlemen were pleasantly engaged from 5 to 8 o'clock receiving and entertaining their callers, and certainly these were some of the most exquisitely dressed and basantinal ladies it has been our good fortune to see in Washington. It may perhaps be venturing out of one's depth for the writer to attempt to describe the elegant and unique tolicites of the ladies, for nothing short of the pen of a Jennie June could do justice to the subject. But among those who were unusually attractive may be mentioned Miss Hattie Stewart, Miss Wormley, Mrs. Dr. Augusta, Mrs. Mason, of Arkansas: Miss Moten, Miss Mattle Lawrence and party, Miss Tompkins, Miss Ella Somerville, of Mobile; Miss Pennie Cook and Miss Lou Matthews. The rooms were brilliantly lighted and made sweetly refreshing by the chaste disposition of rare flowers, exoties and other floral decorations. The refreshment boufet was abundantly supplied and Herally patronized. The reception was well attended and greatly ecopyed, and each one parted with the hope that such enjoyable evenings would occur more frequently.

Quently.

Messrs. Mont. Lewis and Mozart Fleet also gave a reception that was well patronized. The Waco Disaster. Supervising Inspector Low yesterday trans

mitted his report to the Secretary of the Treas ury, respecting the mysterious burning of the City of Waco off the Galveston Bar, on the night of November 8, 1875. The burning of the Waco was one of the most mysterious disasters that has recently occurred. Although the vessel was lying near to several others, not a soul on he escaped after the fire broke out, nor has a word of intelligent explanation been uttered as to the cause of the calamity. After the Bremerhaven disaster, it was claimed by some people that the destruction of the Waco was; attributable to the same cause, and as proof, it was said an explosion was the first intimation that anything was wrong, and that the mast, which was picked up at sea, showed that the fire or explosion took place below decks, and not above, as had been claimed by those who charged that petroleum was the cause. Mr. Lowe's report utterly destroys this theory, for he says there is no doubt in his mind "that the fire originated under decks from some cause and burned a considerable time before being discovered." The agents of the line say there was nothing combustible stored in the hold. Mr. Low advances no theory. However, he draws attention to the unsatisfactory and undefined laws regulating the transportation of petroleum, and suggests an instant remedy.—New York Commercial Advanters, January 5. was the first intimation that anything was wrong

Of Public Interest-For thirty years there has been no improvemen n the composition of a porous plaster. The recent discovery of Capcine and its addition to a improved porous plaster has introduced to the consumers and the public an article of progress The objection to the ordinary article is its slow

The objection to the ordinary article is its slow action. Bennon's Carcine Ponots Planter of section by silecting in a few hours what the ordinary porous planter ac complishes in days and weeks of continuous wear. Bennon's Carcine Porous Planters are preferred to all others on the following grounds:

First—Their composition is of an improved nature, and combined with the recounty discovered vegetable principle—Capcine—which, as a powerful and unerring specific, has never been equaled in the history of true medicine. They operate with automishing vigor, bring almost immediate relief, and cure more speedily and with greater certainty than any known plaster, liniment or compound. Second—They possess all the merit of the ordinary porous plaster with above addition, and will cure all the various difficulties for which they have been esteemed in as many hours as the ordinary article effects in days and weeks of continuous wear.

Third—They are a genuine pharmaceutical pre-

Third—They are a genuine pharmaceutical pre-paration, skillingly combined, of the highest order of morit, purely vegetable, contain neither metal nor mineral poisons, indorsed by physicians, and are in no sense a patent medicine. SEABERY & JOHNSON, Pharmaceutical Chemists, N. Y. To be obtained for twenty-five cents.

Now that the Excitement of the holidays is over, and our busy season is fairly setting in again on a "long season" basis, we propose to revive our Alphabetical Business we propose to revive our Alphabetical Business Directory, which has been found so convenient for public reference, and such a cheap and efficient advertising medium for those who do not care to advertise very largely, but know the advantage of keeping their card before the public all the time in this competing age. A card in this Directory is equivalent to having one's sign duplicated in as many places all over the city, and the cost is comparatively trifling. Those desirous of appearing in the new revised Directory should send in their cards at once.

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Workixonen! Look to your interests, and save dector bills by using Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Mr. Brady has the pleasure of announcing to his friends and the public that he has r. turned to Washington and reopened his saliery. He will be aided by a corps of the best striket, and will avail himself of all the recent improvements in the photographic art. Mr. Brady will give his personal attention to his patrons daily from 9 a. m. till 5 p. m. dell-Stuthet.

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

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THE PEOPLE OF THEMS.

Mr. HOLMAN moved to refer the resolution to
the Military Committee. Rejected.

It was them adopted by the House.

Mr. SLEMONS, of Ark., introduced a resolution reciting that whereas by an act of Congress
approved June 20, 1876, authorizing the sinking
fund commissioners of the District of Columbia to
issue bonds of the District, payable in fifty years
from date, bearing interest at the rate of 5 55, 100
per cent. per annum, for the payment of which
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of said sinking und commission in the present Adopted.

Mr. KASSON introduced a bill regulating the practice of attorneys before the executive departments. Ways and Means.

Mr McCKARY introduced a bill to reorganize the judiciary of the United States. Judiciary.

Aiso, a bill to regulate commerce by railroads in the several States and the establishment of a bureau of commerce. Railways and Canals.

Mr. OLIVER, of lows, introduced a joint resolution for an lution for an
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

making the election of President and Vice President by a direct vote of the people. Judiciary.

Also, a similar amendment for the election of Senators by a direct vote of the people. Judi Mr. LUTTRELL introduced a bill relating to Air, LOUT RELIABING INTROJUCCE A OHI FEIRLING to the production of iruit brandy. Ways and Means. Aiso, a bill extending the time for filing claims in the Court of Alabama Claims, and extending the jurisdiction of the Court. Judiciary. Also, a bill granting to the Union Pacific rail-road the right to certain lands in Benecia. Pacific Salired Railroad.

Mr. PIPER introduced a bill for a modification of the treaty with the Chinese Empire. Foreign of the treaty with the Uniness Empire. Foregamental Affairs.

Also, a bill to authorize the construction of a sea wall at San Francisco. Commerce.

Mr. PAGE introduced a bill in reference to certain entries of land made under the homestead laws. Public Lands.

Mr. DUNNELL, of Minn., introduced a bill to amend the act to encourage the growth of timber on the public lands.

THE HARDE'S PERRY PROPERTY.

Mr. FAULENER, of W. Vs., officed a resolu-

Mr. FAULKNER, of W. Va., offred a resolu-tion directing the Committee on Military Affairs to investigate the sale of the property of the United States at Harper's Ferry, and the expe-diency of repurchasing the same, and the estab-lishment of an arsenal thereop. Referred to the Military Committee. lilitary Committee.
Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, offered a resolu-

Mr. L'A WRENCE, of Obio, offered a resolu-tion directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the disposition of conflicting claims be-fore the General Land Office by transfer to some proper court, and also providing that a land dlaimant may appeal from the decision of the Secretary of the luterior to the Attorney Gene-ral. Judiciary. An unusually large number of other bills, in-cluding private bills and for improvements of harbors, rivers and creeks, were introduced and referred to appropriate committees. Mr. RANDALL moved that when the House adjours to-day it be to meet on Monday. He Mr. RANDALL moved that when the House adjourn to-day it be to meet on Monday. He said he made this motion at the instance of the Appropriations Committee, who desired time to consider bills before them, and he presumed the other committees did.

Mr. MORRISON said this was doubtless true to some extert with all the committees, as was shown by the fact that all had been called without being ready to report. He, however, asked that a session be held for

PERATE ONLY ON SATURDAY Mr. WOOD objected, and said the House ought Mr. W(10D) objected, and said the House ought now, a month after assembling, be ready to go to work. There would have to be a recess to prepare for summer, and there might be other recesses. If the Committee on Appropriations wanted time to prepare work they could get permission to sit during the session of the House.

Mr. HANDALL, said that it was the experience of the old members that not time was lost in giving committees time to carefully prepare their work.

Mr. W(10D) said his experience taught him that committees appointed before the recess ought to committees appointed before the recess ought to have work prepared for the House. The Commit-tee on Appropriations, however, had heretofore not been ready to report within six or eight weeks from organization. not been ready to report within six of eight weeks from organization.

The SPEAKER reminded him that the rule required them to report within thirty days.

Mr. WOOD said that beyond some important bill the rule had never been observed.

Mr. HALE said that the last Congress passed the naval appropriation bill before the holidays.

Mr. WOOD said it had escaped his memory, but it was only an additional reason why this lieuse should not

Mr. RANDALL said the committees were only posited the day before adjournment, and his committee had met the next day and proceeded with its business. Mr. HEREFORD said that when the House took a recess the committees did the same. Take a recess to Monday, and two thirds of the mem-bers would absent themselves and go home. That was his experience.

Mr. RANDALL'S motion was agreed to—111 Mr. BLAINE asked when Mr. RANDALL pro

BIT. BLAINE asked when Mr. RANDALL pro-posed to call up his amnesty oath.
Mr. RANDALL said on Monday.
Mr. BLAINE asked to have read and printed a substitute for the same. The substitute grants amnesty to all except Jefferson Davis, late Presi-dent of the Southern Confederacy, upon their appearing before a proper court and taking what is known as

THE NODIFIED OATH. After some discussion as to Mr. BLAINE'S right to offer the amendment, and a reference to the House on Mr. RANDALL'S original resolution, the SPEAKER ruled it would be in order.
Mr. O'BRIEN asked that certain matter which heat set into the Congressional Broom, in connect had got into the tongressional Record, in connec-tion with a memorial presented by him, be stricken out. So ordered.

The SPEAKER called attention to a large basket full of papers, to read which by the in-The SPEAKER called attention to a large basket full of papers, to read which by the in-dorsements, he said, would require an hour. He therefore asked that they be referred in bulk to the Committee on Elections, as they all related to the several contested election cases now pend-

ing.

They were so referred.

The House then, at 450 p. m., adjourned. AMUSEMENTS.

National Theatre-Ihe Two Orphaus-Poor blind Louise, her noble sister Henriette old Dame Frochard and her cripple son Pierre the cuteast Marianne, the gallant Chevalior De Vaudrey, and Picard, his amusing valet; Count and Countess Linieres give a matinee to-morrow afternoon at two, and in the evening repeat the play. It will be wise to secure seats.

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